

Sparrow honored upon retirement from ECU

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GREENVILLE — W. Keats Sparrow has been honored upon his retirement from the deanship of East Carolina University's Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences in Greenville.

A conference room has been named and an endowed distinguished chair has been established in his name as tributes for his excellence in leadership.

At a recent reception at which Sparrow was honored for his 15 years of distinguished service as dean, Chancellor Steve Ballard announced the ECU Board of Trustees has designated Harriot College's conference room as the W. Keats Sparrow Conference Room.

Mitchell Hunt, chairman of the Harriot College Advancement Council; Harvey Sharp Wooten, member of the Advancement Council; and Ron Mitchelson, chairman of Harriot College's geography department, also announced the newly endowed W. Keats Sparrow Distinguished Chair in the Liberal Arts, a position and

title to be held by all subsequent Harriot College deans.

Following these announcements, Sparrow and his family greeted guests at a reception in the lobby of the



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Harold H. Bate Building, where the Harriot College headquarters is located.

For the past 15 years, Sparrow guided ECU's liberal arts

college through unprecedented growth in both size and academic reputation. His involvement in a variety of activities outside of ECU increased awareness and deepened public appreciation of the pivotal role of strong liberal arts education in developing citizens who enjoy the riches of human experience and who, in turn, serve humanity.

He led the effort to name ECU's liberal arts college for Thomas Harriot, the Renaissance polymath who explored eastern North Carolina in the 1580s on behalf of Sir Walter Raleigh.

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